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1. (U) THIS IS O-I NO. 120, JULY 3, 1995.
2. (U) FOR SILVER FROM STANTON. TOWARD A NEW EZHI POLICY? A FAX SHOULD BE WAITING FOR YOU WITH THE RELEVANT PASSAGES FROM THE JUNE 27 HIRC TESTIMONY. THE PRESS DID NOT PORTRAY THE OVERALL TONE OR THRUST OF THE TESTIMONY ACCURATELY, AND SEEMED INTENT ON FINDING A NEGATIVE MESSAGE WHERE NONE WAS INTENDED.

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3. (C) FOR HALLFORD FROM STANTON. CONTINUING TO PRESS ON WU. IF DIANE'S REPORTING CABLE GOES OUT THIS EVENING, YOU WILL SEE THAT THE U/S TARNOFF DECIDED TO CALL IN ZHOU WENZHONG THIS MORNING TO PROTEST THE CONTINUING DETENTION OF WU AND OUR LACK OF CONSULAR ACCESS. TARNOFF STRESSED

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THAT HE WAS CONVEYING THE PERSONAL CONCERN OF THE
GUOWUOING. ZHOU HAD LITTLE NEW TO SAY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MEANWHILE, AS EARLIER INDICATED
AND IN RESPONSE TO INTENSIFYING QILOU INTEREST, LIULOU
HAS ASKED FOR A PAPER ON POSSIBLE LEVERS ON CHINA TO
INDUCE THE RELEASE OF WU. THE DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY.
(THE NCS POLICY MEETING IS STILL SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY.)
ONE CONCRETE CONSEQUENCE OF CONTINUED HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST
IN WU, WHICH KENT ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO YOU, IS KEEN
QILOU INTEREST IN YOUR MAKING YET ANOTHER ATTEMPT AT A
HIGH-LEVEL APPROACH IN THE CELESTIAL CAPITAL. WHILE
ARGUABLY INSTRUCTIONS TO THIS EFFECT MIGHT BE PREFERRED,
I THINK THERE WOULD BE A KENDINGDE HAOCHU IF YOU AGAIN
DID WHAT YOU COULD TO PARALLEL TARNOFF'S EFFORTS.

4. (C) FOR HALLFORD/SILVER/MACIAS FROM FOARDE: OF
HORGAS AND KARAMAY, ETC. WE'RE NOT CERTAIN IF THE
FOLLOWING CAN BE COMMUNICATED TO CHARLES PARISH, OR WILL
BE HELPFUL TO HIM, BUT PEOPLE CLOSE TO AMERICA'S FAVORITE
DETAINED LAOGAI INVESTIGATOR WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM ON THE
FRONT PART OF HIS CURRENT JUNKET SAY THAT THE "KARAMAY
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GUEST HOUSE" WAS NOT MORE THAN 400 METERS FROM THE
PASSPORT CONTROL POINT AT HORGAS. THE HOTEL/GUEST HOUSE
HAS THE WORDS "KARAMAY GUEST HOUSE" PAINTED ON THE
BUILDING IN YINGZI, ZHONGZI AND (THEY THINK) E-ZI.
NONETHELESS, OUR VOICES SAY, THE UNIFORMED FENZI WHO
ACCOMPANIED MONSIEUR LAOGAI AND HIS ERSTWHILE TRAVELLING
COMPANION TO THIS SUMPTUOUS PLACE OF REST REFERRED TO IT
AS THE "HORGAS GUEST HOUSE." GO FIGURE. THE BORDER
CROSSING/PASSPORT CONTROL POINT IS VISIBLE FROM THE UPPER
FLOORS OF THIS SIX OR SEVEN-STORY HOTEL. THE HOTEL IS
LOCATED ON WHAT MONSIEUR LAOGAI TRANSLATED AS
"CONSTRUCTION ROAD." IT IS SURROUNDED ON THREE SIDES BY
A WALL, BUT HAD A FENCE ON THE FOURTH SIDE, WHICH FACED
ON TO A CONSTRUCTION SITE. ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE
SOUTHWEST CORNER WAS A GOAT-PEN. THE HOTEL WAS SAID TO
BE NOT MORE THAN TWO-YEARS OLD. NONE OF THIS MAY MATTER
MUCH, BUT WE PASS IT ALONG FOR WHATEVER GOOD IT MAY DO
EXCURSIONING LINGSHIGUAN RENYUAN. OUR GUESS IS THAT HE'S
BEEN IN THE CORRECT PLACE ALONG. HOW MANY SIX OR

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SEVEN STORY BUILDINGS COULD THERE BE IN HORGAS?

5. (C) FOR HALLFORD/SILVER/MACIAS FROM FOARDE: WILD ABOUT HARRY. FYI: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MADE OUR DAILY HARRY UPDATE FOR TODAY (BOLDLY ADHERING TO THE PRINCIPLE OF ECONOMY FOR ONCE, I'VE EXCISED THE ONES ABOUT THE TRAVELLING CONSUL AND A HIGH-LEVEL DEMARCHE HERE, ON THE GROUNDS THAT YOU ALREADY KNOW ABOUT THESE THINGS FROM OTHER REPORTING):

-- ON BEHALF OF HIRC CHAIRMAN GILMAN, STAFFER PAUL BERKOWITZ REQUESTED A LEGAL MEMORANDUM FROM L ON VARIOUS
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QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE BILATERAL CONSULAR AGREEMENT. BERKOWITZ ASKED THAT THE MEMORANDUM BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE BY COB WEDNESDAY. L IS WORKING ON A CONCISE MEMORANDUM FOR SUBMISSION.

-- CONGRESSMAN FRANK WOLF TOLD EAP/CM THIS AFTERNOON THAT HE HAD SPOKEN WITH HOUSE SPEAKER GINGRICH ABOUT SCHEDULING A VOTE TO DISAPPROVE THE PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATION OF CHINA UNDER JACKSON-VANIK AND EXTENSION OF MFN PRIVILEGES FOR ANOTHER YEAR. WOLF SAID THE SPEAKER WAS INTERESTED IN THE INITIATIVE, CHIEFLY BECAUSE OF THE HARRY WU CASE. (ADDENDUM FROM STANTON: WE'VE JUST LEARNED FROM KENT THAT WOLF WILL APPARENTLY CALL ON WINSTON ON THURSDAY.)

-- AFL-CIO, HUMAN RIGHTS NGOS AND SOME CONCERNED STAFFERS PLAN TO CONTACT COUNTERPARTS IN GERMANY, HUNGARY AND FINLAND -- COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED BEGINNING JULY 5 BY CHINESE PRESIDENT JIANG ZEMIN. THE IDEA IS TO CREATE SOME PRESSURE ON HOST GOVERNMENTS TO RAISE THE HARRY WU CASE WITH PRESIDENT JIANG.

-- U.S. BUSINESS LEADERS AND DELEGATIONS PLANNING TO VISIT CHINA ARE ALSO BEING ASKED TO RAISE HARRY WU'S CASE WITH THEIR CHINESE INTERLOCUTORS.

-- THE INTERNATIONAL EDITION OF NEWSWEEK --WHICH APPEARS ON THE NEWSSTANDS TODAY-- IS SAID TO BE RUNNING A STORY ON THE NEW JERSEY FIRM IMPORTING GRAPHITE FROM A CHINESE MINE WHICH USES FORCED LABOR. THE PIECE IS SAID TO DRAW HEAVILY FROM MATERIAL COLLECTED BY HARRY WU

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6. (C) FOR SILVER/ALOISI FROM FOARDE: EAGER BEAVERS. THE DESCENT OF THE TIME-CONSUMING CONSULTATORS HAS BEGUN FOR ANOTHER YEAR. SOME ARE QUITE WELCOME, HOWEVER: AMONG OUR GUESTS IN THE PAST WEEK HAVE BEEN JEFF MOON AND KEN MOY, SOON TO BE JOINING YOUR DEPLETED INTERNAL STAFF. BOTH SEEMED QUITE LIVELY INTELLECTUALLY AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THEIR ORDEAL ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SAN BAN, WHERE TITANS ROAM. BOTH TOOK GOOD ADVANTAGE OF THEIR CONSULTATIONS DAYS HERE, AND HAD LONG SESSIONS WITH ME AND OTHERS ON THE MANY ISSUES ON OUR RESPECTIVE PLATES. CASE KEUR WAS ALSO BY TODAY, AND WILL BE CONSULTING FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK. HE, TOO, HAS LAID OUT AN AMBITIOUS SCHEDULE OF PROSPECTIVE CALLS, SOME OF WHICH MAY FALL VICTIM TO THE SUMMER HOLIDAY SEASON. SEEMS AS THOUGH YOU WILL BE GETTING SMART AND EAGER REPLACEMENTS FOR TRANSFERRING VETERANS.

7. (C) FOR MACIAS FROM KELLY. SUSPECTED ALIEN SMUGGLING SHIP SIGHTED. AN INTERAGENCY CONFERENCE CALL (PD 27) WAS HELD TODAY TO DISCUSS THE PANAMANIAN-REGISTERED JIANG CHENG 8, A DRIFT-NET FISHING VESSEL, WHICH THE COAST GUARD SUSPECTS IS SMUGGLING CHINESE MIGRANTS. AT 800 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF HONOLULU AND HEADING EAST AT 9 KNOTS, IT IS NOT FLYING A FLAG AND THE COAST GUARD WAS UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE SHIP'S MASTER EITHER IN ENGLISH OR MANDARIN. (IN JANUARY 1995, THIS SHIP OFF-LOADED 166 CHINESE ILLEGAL ALIENS IN CENTRAL AMERICA.) THE COAST GUARD ATTACHE IN PANAMA IS TODAY (7/3) REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT TO BOARD THE VESSEL. IF APPROVED,
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THE COAST GUARD WILL SEARCH THE VESSEL TONIGHT AND REPORT BACK ON THEIR FINDINGS.

8. (C) FOR MACIAS/HALLFORD FROM KELLY. ALIEN SMUGGLING - DIPLOMATIC CONCERNS. SINCE THIS IS A PANAMANIAN-REGISTERED VESSEL. THE INTENTION IS TO ESCORT

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THE SHIP TO PANAMA. LACK OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN PANAMA AND THE PRC AND LACK OF USG FUNDING TO SUPPORT A REPATRIATION WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO RETURN THESE ALIENS. THE USG HAS NOT PAID IOM FOR THE LAST REPATRIATION FROM EL SALVADOR. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT OUR INTERCESSION IN THIS REPATRIATION WOULD BE USEFUL AND ARE CONCERNED THAT IT MIGHT ACTUALLY SLOW IT DOWN, GIVEN THE CURRENT STATE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE POST'S VIEWS ON OUR HANDLING DIPLOMATIC ASPECTS OF THE RETURN IF MIGRANTS ARE FOUND TO BE ON THE SHIP. IF NOT THE U.S., CAN YOU THINK OF ANOTHER CREDIBLE INTERLOCUTOR PANAMA MIGHT CALL UPON? IS THIS SOMETHING PANAMA COULD EFFECTIVELY HANDLE THROUGH ITS U.N. MISSION, OWING TO THE HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS OF RETURNING CHINESE CITIZENS TO CHINA?
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